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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, CS

SUBJECT: TAX PACKAGE APPROVED

REF: SAN JOSE A-35, MAY 4, 1976

1. THE GOVERNMENT'S TAX PACKAGE WAS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MAY 13 BY A VOTE OF 40 TO 11. THE BILL WAS SUPPORTED BY PLN, PASO (COMMUNIST), THE CARTAGO AGRICULTURAL UNION PARTY, ONE PNI DEPUTY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE DEPUTIES OF UNIFICACION NACIONAL (UN).

2. THE BILL PASSED WAS A UNIFICACION NACIONAL MINORITY DRAFT WHICH THAT PARTY ASSERTS IS A GREATLY IMPROVED TAX PACKAGE. OTHER OPPOSITION DEPUTIES AND OPPOSITION PRESS CHARACTERIZED THE UNIFICACION NACIONAL BILL AS BASICALLY LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE ORIGINAL GOVERNMENT BILL AND A "SELL-OUT" BY THE UN. UN LEADER VILLALOBOS PUBLICLY DENIES THE CHARGE.

3. ONE OPPOSITION DEPUTY (PIZA) CORRECTLY CHARACTERIZED THE LAW AS BEING MAINLY OF FINANCIAL INTEREST RATHER THAN MOTIVATED BY TAX REFORM CONSIDERATIONS. HE ALSO SAID "TAX PACKAGE WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE MIDDLE CLASS AND SMALL BUSINESS,

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LEAVING UNAFFECTED, AS SO OFTEN HAPPENS IN COSTA RICA, THE

LARGER INTERESTS..." HE IS RIGHT ON BOTH COUNTS.

4. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE ANALYSIS WHEN OFFICIAL TEXT IS  
AVAILABLE. TODMAN

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